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SUBJ: FY 1976 IV PROGRAM

RE STATE 101206

1. EMB HAS BEEN URGED BY POLITICAL FRIENDS OF IVP CANDIDATE ORTEGA TO ALLOW HIM TO POSTPONE HIS VISIT (ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY AND JUNE) TO ALLOW HIM TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. ORTEGA HAS ACKNOWLEDGED TO THE EMB THAT THE COMING WEEKS ARE CRITICAL FOR A NUMBER OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WHO BROKE AWAY FROM THE RUIZ GIMENEZ-LED LEFT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT AGREE ON NEGOTIATING AN ALLIANCE WITH THE COMMUNIST-LET COORDINATION DEMOCRATICA. ORTEGA HAS BEEN A KEY SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISSIDENT GROUP, PARTICULARLY IN A NUMBER OF TACITO EDITORIALS PUBLISHED THROUGHOUT SPAIN. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE US INTEREST TO ACCEDE TO THIS REQUEST AND ALLOW ORTEGA TO POSTPONE HIS PLANS UNTIL THE EARLY FALL.
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